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It is now Senator Carlisle, of Kentucky.

Joe Dixon, Veteran of the Royal Order of Independent American Tramp Journalists, is back on the Las Vegas Optic. Welcome, Joe. Have a chew.

Judge W. F. Henderson, formerly of this judicial district, has located and engaged in the practice of law at Fairhaven, in the new state of Washington.

Marshal Weeks writes from Florida that he has captured "one conspirator." As the lone felon must have been conspiring against the administration, it is shrewdly surmised that he must be the "original Alger man" for '92.

The New Mexican calls the editor of the HEADLIGHT a "wolf in sheep's attire." That's bad enough, but it isn't half so ridiculous a spectacle as Max makes of himself as a sheep in wolf's attire, a veritable ass in a lion's skin.

Steve Elkins, a whilom New Mexican, is formally announced as a candidate for Congress in the Grafton, West Virginia District. That district is now represented by William L. Wilson, a Democrat, and one of the brainiest men and readiest debaters in Congress.

The Las Cruces Democrat insists that while there may be but few "conscientious" Democrats there now, it will take a large size magnifying glass to discover the conscientious Republicans who will vote for the "Ring" ticket in November.

A scheme for the seizure of Lower California and its annexation to the United States, is said to be on foot in California, backed by large English commercial influences and capital. It may become necessary to consult the United States before its consummation.

The New Mexican speaks of those who are opposing its immediate statehood conspiracy as "the hoodlums and would be bosses opposing statehood, under the leadership of ex-Gov. Ross," etc., etc. Thanks. The ex-Gov. certainly has reason to feel complimented.

The McKinley tariff bill was passed by the House on Wednesday. A very few Republicans refused to vote for it, and the Democrats succeeded in making two or three amendments, but the bill passed substantially as introduced, and by practically a strict party vote. Not a Democrat voted for it.

The encouraging announcement is made by the Optic that "the fight between the factions of the Republican party in San Miguel county will never be a thing of the past till one side buries the other so deeply that it can never come to the surface again with any showing of strength in a political campaign." Why not bury both while in the burying business?

SOME PERTINENT QUERIES.

The San Juan county Index propounds a number of questions to the statehood advocates of its party, which those gentlemen will do well to carefully ponder and answer. The Index is one of the ablest Republican papers in the Territory, and has brought to the discussion of the statehood question qualities which give it a marked pre-eminence for ability and candor far beyond the average of its partisan contemporaries. The queries propounded by the Index cannot be answered by the standard of the pre-statehood press, that the opponents of the statehood scheme are non-progressive, or actuated by personal motives, or any of that sort of clap-trap which they seem to think will do in the place of argument, but which really exposes their own stupidity and lack of candor. The Index asks:

Why should the constitution of the state of New Mexico contain a provision limiting the rates and method of levying school taxation, when no such provision can be found in the state constitutions of Colorado, California, Iowa, Illinois, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, or for that matter, any other state?

Why could not the power of limiting and regulating school taxation, whether general or in the districts, have been left entirely to the discretion of the legislature, as in the states Texas, Indiana and Kansas?

Why does the New Mexico constitution specifically limit the power of hold-

ing special elections to levy additional school taxation to districts exceeding 1,000 in population, and incorporated cities and towns, virtually working a prohibition against levying special school taxation to at least seven-tenths of the people of the state?

Why does the maximum of districts school taxation (by special election) established by the New Mexico constitution stand at a rate that is hardly greater than the minimum of special taxation that the electors of a school district in Colorado can vote to levy?

Why should not the people of the various school districts in the state of New Mexico have the power to vote a special school tax as high as fifteen mills on every dollar of taxable property in their district, as have the people of all the school districts in Colorado? Or why should they not have power to vote a special tax as high as twenty-six mills, as in Pennsylvania?

Why does the constitution for New Mexico, in limiting the power to hold special elections to levy special school taxes to districts having a population exceeding 1,000 explicitly limit the right of suffrage in such elections to property-holders, when no such provision can be found in the constitutions or the laws of any of the states? This Index has named?

Why should New Mexico restrict the franchise in school elections when elsewhere its extension seems the order of the day?

Why cannot New Mexico have a constitution under which, as liberal as Massachusetts may be provided for her public school system as Colorado and Iowa or Pennsylvania provide for theirs?

THE OPPOSITION TO STATEHOOD.

The true friends of New Mexico have good ground for satisfaction at the course pursued by a large proportion of the press of the Territory in relation to the late movement for statehood.

Nineteen out of the thirty three newspapers of the Territory have labored actively and effectively for the defeat of that scheme, from the day it was sprung upon an astonished people—astonished at the audacity of the movement quite as much as at the reckless and dishonest course of the movers.

It is with especial gratification that we are able to include among the opponents to this scheme five of the ablest and most influential Republican papers of the Territory—the Raton Range, the Springer Stockman, the San Juan Co. Index, the Chloride Black Range, and the Lordsburg Liberal.

The Democratic papers, with a single exception, have all actively opposed the movement—the Taos Herald the Springer Banner, the Hillsborough Advocate, the Pinos Altos Miner, the Gallup Gleaner, the White Oaks Interpreter, the Socorro Advertiser, the Las Cruces Democrat, the Silver City Sentinel, the Las Vegas Democrat, the Santa Fe Sun, the Albuquerque Democrat, and we may be permitted to modestly add, the Deming HEADLIGHT.

It is due to consistency and the truth of history to say that none of these papers have opposed the statehood movement because of any opposition to statehood, per se, but because the movement was ill-timed and fraudulent, having for its purpose the subversion of mainly personal and partisan ends, and furthermore because the Constitution presented was ill digested and crude, and totally unfit by reason of the character of many of its ordinances, to become the fundamental law of a progressive, American state.

It is safe to say that every one of these papers will be found as actively and effectively supporting a movement for statehood in the near future, as soon as it shall become apparent, under changed conditions, that consideration of the best interests of all the people of the Territory, regardless of party and locality, shall govern the deliberations of the Constitutional Convention and the Legislature that shall set the state government in motion.

THE NEBRASKA QUARANTINE.

It seems to have occurred to Gov. Thayer that possibly he was a little premature in establishing a quarantine against the cattle of New Mexico. On application of the Territorial Sanitary Board, he has promised to send a commission down to investigate the sanitary condition of New Mexico cattle, presumably with a view to the revocation of his quarantine proclamation.

The most careful possible pains have been taken by our Sanitary Board to preserve the excellent condition of these cattle. Not a case of spleen or any other contagion has occurred here for four years. Such has been the condition of our herds that the cattle of New Mexico have passed every where, freely and without question, and it is aggravating that a commercial taint should now be put upon them, as they are passing to a long delayed market, by an utterly groundless accusation. Gov. Thayer does well to investigate, but that investigation should have come before the blow was struck.

THE LAS VEGAS DEMOCRAT.

We are in receipt of the first number of the Democratic paper recently established at Las Vegas, by Mr. W. M. Edwards. This number gives evidence that Mr. Edwards is a ready, forceful and intelligent writer, and that his paper will prove a valuable addition to the Democratic newspaper forces of the Territory. We wish it abundant success. We would like to see a Democratic paper established in every town in the Territory in time for the coming fall campaign. The Republican press has had its own way here for a long time, but the indications now are that its monopoly of this field is about over. It is time.

THE PENITENTIARY MEAS.

The last great Republican legislature reorganized the penitentiary management with a great flourish of trumpets. They made the warden a mere puppet of a board of managers composed principally of life office holders. A brother-in-law of one of the chief promoters of the legislative reorganization was immediately appointed deputy warden, and a son of one of the life office holders on the board of managers, was made steward, and these are the two "worthies" that are all besmeared over in the present mess. This unfortunate condition of affairs at the leading territorial institution, is directly traceable to the profound wisdom and jackassinity of the last legislature. Most of the laws of that body, which the courts have not declared unconstitutional, are working so disastrously, that before the sitting of the next, the last will have gone into history, doubly damned. The minimum talk among the convicts, as well as among the ex-convicts, is so plain and notorious, that there remains but one course open to the management and the accused; that is to demand and institute a rigid investigation. The Republican organ of defense says that it is informed that Manager Ortiz had investigated, and found no truth in the report. This won't do.

The New Mexico delegation intervened Senator Edmunds Thursday in reference to the Wickham land court bill. But for him a measure of this kind would have been snuffed several years ago. Dispatches state that the senator agreed to assist in the passage of the measure and to certain amendments proposed by the delegation. With this assistance removed here and there, little doubt as to its passage.—[Denver News.]

"The principal objection to the admission of New Mexico as a state," says the St. Louis Globe Democrat, "lies in the fact that her ability to give Republican majorities is as yet what Senator Ingalls calls a 'trident dream.'" That is a candid confession, and may explain the reason why the Republicans are urging the admission of the territory under the constitution framed at Santa Fe last year. With it in operation they feel confident of an addition of two more Republican senators. Without it, and a fair proportion of representatives, New Mexico would send two Democrats.—[Denver News.]

In his message touching the appropriation for an addition to the public building at Dallas, Tex., the president mentioned among other matters now pending before congress which are likely to increase the government expenditures, measures "for the extension of our commerce with other American states." By this it is clear that the president has in view the subsidizing of ships. Since 1881 France has been working under that system, and since that time has paid bounties on shipping to the amount of \$13,700,000. Notwithstanding this enormous outlay, according to Lloyd's tonnage statistics her marine is on the decline—occupying the first place in 1888 she lost it in 1889. While the French system has given France more ships it has not given her more commerce. As a means of promoting commerce, in fact, it may be said with truth that the bounty system has proved a failure. While this is true of French experience the tonnage of Norway troubled in the first decade after the repeal of the navigation laws, which were like our own, doubled in the next, and in the last rose from 1,075,070 to 3,974,407 tons. From this it would appear that freedom to buy ships is better than bounties, and on this matter it is well for congress to go slow.—[Denver News.]

The press of New Mexico is generally agitating the question of a fixed salary for county officials instead of the present high priced fee system. In the older states the fee system has become obsolete, and it is presumed that the next legislature of New Mexico will make an effort to abolish it in this territory. The people should see that whoever is sent to the legislature from this county is in favor of a fair salary for county officials. It is true that the present fee system, under the McKinley bill, would cost \$74,000, needs every dollar that it is entitled to, and the abolishment of the time-worn fee system and the salary fixed for its officials the county will have a new source of revenue, and a character that it is honestly entitled to.—[Kingston Sheet.]

In its trade circuit, the Linen Trade Association of New York gives a statement of present and prospective prices of linen goods which is interesting and instructive. Russia crash, costing now 5 1/2 cents a yard, would cost 7 1/2 under the McKinley bill; canvas for ladies' dress facings, 8 1/2 cents a yard now, 10 cents under the McKinley bill; farmers' drill, 10 cents now, 12 cents under the McKinley bill; brown dress linens, 11 1/2 cents now, 13 1/2 under the McKinley bill; lawn for dresses, 9 cents now, 11 cents under the McKinley bill; bleached table damask, 27 cents now, 33 cents under the McKinley bill; bleached table damask, 43 cents now, 51 cents under the McKinley bill; ladies' and children's handkerchiefs, 33 cents a dozen now, 38 cents under the McKinley bill; one handkerchief, \$2 25 and \$4 50 a dozen under the McKinley bill.

More than forty years have passed since the cornerstone of the Washington Monument at the national capital was laid, and the man who delivered the oration on that occasion, and who was then as well known throughout the country as Thomas B. Reed, James G. Blaine or Roger Q. Mills is to-day, is mentioned in the monument as having visited the monument a few days ago. This is an ex-Speaker and ex-Senator Robert C. Winthrop. The case of the aged Massachusetts statesman, however, is less remarkable for the longevity which it reveals, although he is 91 years of age, than it is an illustration of the fleeting character of much of what is called political reputation. A few persons outside of the town in which he resides, except students of history, know anything at all of his career or personality, and to most of these latter he has been in the land of shades for more than a score and a half of years.

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CATTLE EXPORTERS IN TROUBLE.

Cattle exporters are being ground between millstones. While the price of cattle in New York has been rising, it has been falling on the other side. Compared with a year ago, the price of beef abroad has fallen 3 1/2 cents per pound while on this side it has risen 1 1/2 cents. On Saturday last the quotation on the Liverpool market was 6 cents per pound, while on the other side it was 7 1/2. In the face of this difference shippers find themselves compelled to continue sending cattle abroad for the reason that they engaged all freight they could secure up to August 1, at \$20 per head. Thus if they do not ship, they will lose \$20 per head and if they do ship they will lose nearly as much. It is a serious condition of affairs and unless a compromise can be effected with the steamers, many small shippers will go to the wall soon.

The Washington City papers mention Hon. Nicholas Gallies as in that city working for statehood. The latter part of the statement is true; the Hon. Nick is a worker for statehood, under the constitution which he helped to frame, but if you will not say anything about it, he is right here at home, as your correspondent saw him last week, when in attendance upon court, and conversed with him.—[Hillsborough Advocate.]

When it was stated some weeks since in the newspapers that the building of milk pipe line from a point in New York state to New York city was projected there was a general smile, and the matter was treated as a joke. The projectors were, however, in sober earnest. A company with a capital of \$200,000 has, it is announced, been formed at Middletown, N. Y., for the purpose of constructing such a line. The proposed method of forwarding the milk is in cylindrical tins surrounded and protected by water, and the projectors of the scheme assert that the time of transportation for a distance of 100 miles will not exceed an hour, while the profit will be about one cent a gallon. If and when this sort of thing goes on, we need not be surprised ere long to find New York the converging point not only of oil, natural gas, and milk pipe lines, but of whiskey ducts from the blue grass regions, and beer ducts from Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Milwaukee. The pipe manufacturers may well feel cheerful at the prospect before them.

Some twenty years ago, when the corporations that followed the war period began to show themselves in public office, in congress, and in politics, the Republican party was sensitive about its honor. It used to try to expose and punish the crimes of its rascals. But now it submits to felonies by its official leaders and steals the senators of a new state with equal serenity.—[New York Times.]

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I the undersigned make the following proposition to any one who may feel disposed to purchase and sell on consignment all the property belonging to the estate of the late John J. Quinn, deceased, who was a resident of the town of Deming, N. M., in the county of Santa Fe and state of New Mexico. This mine consists of two lodes or veins running parallel to each other, with several small veins intermediate, the lode veins being about 40 feet apart, vein no 1 to the west is from 10 to 30 feet in width, the one to the east is from 5 to 8 feet in width. The grade of the ore is about 30 ounces per ton, and is an excellent concentrating ore, and is thoroughly tested by competent mining and mill men, saving about 8 per cent by the concentrating process, and reducing the ore to one ton.

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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Vermajo Company will be held at the office of the company in Deming, county of Grant, and Territory of New Mexico on Monday, the 10th day of June, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may be brought before them.

C. H. DANE, President.

NOTICE.

Of Directors' Meeting of the Vermajo Company.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vermajo Company will be held at the office of the company in Deming, county of Grant, and Territory of New Mexico on Monday, the 10th day of June, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing officers of the company for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may be brought before them.

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